Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the 7th full paragraph on page 4 starting at about line 25 with following amended paragraph:

Figure 5 representatively shows the positioning of the "I" shaped hill of Example 2 relative to ~~the~~ other sections of ~~the~~ a diaper.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 13 starting at line 8 with following amended paragraph:

The absorbent article includes a vapor permeable backsheet 20, a liquid permeable topsheet 22, and an absorbent body or material 24, such as an absorbent pad or the like, which is located between the backsheet 20 and the topsheet 22. The backsheet 20 defines a length and a width which, in the illustrated embodiment, coincide with the length and width of the diaper 10. The absorbent body 24 generally defines a length and width which are less than the length and width of the backsheet 20, respectively. Thus, marginal portions of the diaper 10, such as marginal sections of the backsheet 20, may extend past the terminal edges of the absorbent body 24. In the illustrated embodiments, for example, the backsheet 20 extends outwardly beyond the terminal marginal edges of the absorbent body 24 to form side margins and end margins of the diaper 10. The topsheet 22 is generally coextensive with the backsheet 20 but may optionally cover an area which is larger or smaller than the area of the backsheet 20, as desired. The backsheet 20 and topsheet 22 are intended to face the garment and body of the wearer, respectively, while in use. It is also contemplated that the absorbent body 24 may be made up of one or more zoned sections of absorbent material and which may or may not be adjacent or in fluid communication with the other sections. Examples of suitable zoned absorbents, include, but are not limited to those disclosed in commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ~~—/———~~10/026,862, entitled "AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE EXHIBITING IMPROVED FLUID DISTRIBUTION", filed in the names of Wulz et al. on December 20, 2001 ~~(Attorney Docket No. 16,891)~~, the disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 20 starting at line 18 with following amended paragraph:

The absorbent body 24 may be any of a number of shapes and may consist of one or more regions or areas which may or may not all be in contact with one another. For example, the absorbent core may be rectangular, I-shaped, or T-shaped.

Examples of other shapes, orientations, and locations are described in more detail in commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ~~—/———~~10/026,862, entitled "AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE EXHIBITING IMPROVED FLUID DISTRIBUTION", filed on December 20, 2001, in the name of Wulz et al., the disclosure of which was previously herein incorporated by reference in its entirety. In general, absorbent body 24 may be provided by a single layer or, in the alternative, may be provided by multiple layers, all of which need not extend the entire length and width of the absorbent body 24.

Please replace the first and second full paragraphs of the ABSTRACT on page 35 with following amended paragraph:

~~The present invention relates to an~~ An absorbent article for absorbing fluids and exudates, such as urine~~. More particularly, the present invention relates to absorbent garments which are configured to absorb body exudates~~ , while also helping to reduce the relative humidity in the environment of the article, to reduce skin-exudate contact and to reduced undesired skin hydration is described.

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———The ~~present invention relates to an~~ absorbent article ~~having~~ has a front waist section, a rear waist section, and an intermediate section which interconnects said front and rear waist sections~~. One embodiment of the absorbent article~~and generally includes: a topsheet having a body-facing surface; a backsheet; an absorbent; and a resilient material positioned between topsheet and the backsheet. The resilient material creates at least one contour which promotes movement of fluid away from one region of the article to another region of the article. The contour of the resilient material desirably creates a hill-like structure.